UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency Washington, DC 20250 **Notice PS-329**

For: State and County Offices

Job Opening for Agricultural Program Specialist, GS-1145-11/13 Located in PSD's User Requirements Branch (URB)

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs

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1 Overview

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Background

FSA State Office Federal permanent employees and County Office non-Federal permanent employees are eligible to apply for positions based in Washington, DC.

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Purpose

This notice advises FSA State and County Offices of a Vacancy Announcement for a job opening in PSD's URB in Washington, DC.

C Contacts

Copies of the Vacancy Announcement for this position, which is further described in paragraph 2, are available by the:

- Internet on PSD's Home Page located at http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd/by clicking on, in this order:
 - "Organizational Structure"
 - "New Job Opportunity"
- Announcement Requests Hotline at 703-812-6339.

If there are any questions about this notice, contact George Stickels, Chief, URB at **202-720-7874**.

Disposal Date	Distribution
January 1, 2000	State Offices; States Offices relay to County Offices

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A User Requirements Branch

PSD's URB is responsible for directing software design, development and implementation, and for developing and recommending operating procedures, handbooks, instructions, forms and training aids pertaining to the administration of the Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL) and LDP programs.

B Vacancy Announcement

Vacancy Announcement Number F0 FSA 038 provides **official** information about a job opening for an Agricultural Program Specialist, GS-1145-11/13, located in Washington, DC.

Important: This announcement is open to FSA employees nationwide only.

The person selected for this position will serve as URB's technical expert responsible for developing user requirements and providing support services for:

- the automated CMA process that provides commodity and component member eligibility determinations and payment limitation information to:
 - approved CMA's
 - authorized Loan Servicing Agents
 - State and County Offices
- price support eligibility query development
- important automation aspects of the MAL and LDP programs, as assigned.

All qualified FSA employees who are interested are encouraged to apply.

C Recruitment Bonus

A 25 percent recruitment/relocation bonus will be paid to:

- eligible non-Federal applicants
- Federal applicants from outside the Washington, DC commuting area.

The employee must sign a written service agreement to complete 12 months of employment in this position. Recruitment and relocation bonuses are a percentage of annual basic pay.

D Closing Date

The closing date for this announcement is **December 13, 1999**.

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